

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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with respect to any issue on which they participate.

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§ 2.1213 Role of the NRC staff.

If a hearing request is filed under § 2.1205(b), the NRC staff shall be a party to the proceeding. If a hearing request is filed under § 2.1205 (c) or (d), within 10 days of the designation of a presiding officer pursuant to § 2.1207, the NRC staff shall notify the presiding officer whether or not the staff desires to participate as a party to the adjudication. In addition, upon a determination by the presiding officer that the resolution of any issue in the proceeding would be aided materially by the staff's participation in the proceeding as a party, the presiding officer may order or permit the NRC staff to participate as a party with respect to that particular issue.

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§ 2.1215 Appearance and practice.

(a) An individual may appear in an adjudication under this subpart on his or her own behalf or by an attorney-at-law. Representation by an attorney-at-law is not necessary in order for an organization or a § 2.1211(b) participant to appear in an adjudication conducted under this subpart. If the representative of an organization is not an attorney-at-law, he or she shall be a member or officer of the organization represented. Upon request of the presiding officer, an individual acting as a representative shall provide appropriate information establishing the basis of his or her authority to act in a representational capacity.

(b) Any action to reprimand, censure, or suspend a party, a § 2.1211(b) participant, or the representative of a party or a § 2.1211(b) participant must be in accordance with the procedures in § 2.713(c).

HEARINGS

§ 2.1231 Hearing file; prohibition on discovery.

(a) Within thirty (30) days of the presiding officer's entry of an order granting a request for a hearing, the NRC

staff shall file in the docket, present to the presiding officer, and make available to the applicant and any other party to the proceeding a hearing file. Thereafter, within ten (10) days of the date a petition for leave to intervene or a request to participate under § 2.1211(b) is granted, the NRC staff shall make the hearing file available to the petitioner or the § 2.1211(b) participant.

(1) The hearing file must be made available to the applicant and any other party or § 2.1211(b) participant to the proceeding either by—

(i) Service in accordance with § 2.1203(e); or

(ii) Placing the file in an established local public document room in the vicinity of the principal location where nuclear material that is the subject of a proceeding under this subpart will be possessed, and informing the applicant, party, or § 2.1211(b) participant in writing of its action and the location of the file. If an established local public document room does not exist, the NRC staff will arrange for the documents contained in the hearing file, along with any other material docketed in accordance with § 2.1203, to be made available for public inspection and copying during the course of the adjudication in a library or other facility that is accessible to the general public during regular business hours and is in the vicinity of the principal location where the nuclear material that is the subject of the proceeding will be possessed.

(2) The hearing file also must be made available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the NRC Public Document Room in Washington, DC.

(b) The hearing file will consist of the application and any amendment thereto, any NRC environmental impact statement or assessment relating to the application, and any NRC report and any correspondence between the applicant and the NRC that is relevant to the application. Hearing file documents already in an established local public document room or the NRC Public Document Room when the hearing request is granted may be incorporated into the hearing file at those locations by a reference indicating where at

those locations the documents can be found. The presiding officer shall rule upon any issue regarding the appropriate materials for the hearing file.

(c) The NRC staff has a continuing duty to keep the hearing file up to date with respect to the materials set forth in paragraph (b) of this section and to provide those materials for the docket, the presiding officer, and the applicant or any party or § 2.1211(b) participant in a manner consistent with the way the hearing file was made available initially under paragraph (a).

(d) A party or § 2.1211(b) participant may not seek discovery from any other party, § 2.1211(b) participant, or the NRC or its personnel, whether by document production, deposition, interrogatories, or otherwise.

§ 2.1233 Written presentations; written questions.

(a) After publication of a notice of hearing in accordance with § 2.1205(i) and after the NRC staff has made the hearing file available in accordance with § 2.1231, the parties and § 2.1211(b) participants shall be afforded the opportunity to submit, under oath or affirmation, written presentations of their arguments and documentary data, informational material, and other supporting written evidence at the time or times and in the sequence the presiding officer establishes by appropriate order. The presiding officer also may, on his or her initiative, submit written questions to the parties to be answered in writing, under oath or affirmation, and supported by appropriate documentary data, informational material, or other written evidence.

(b) In a hearing initiated under § 2.1205(b), the initial written presentation of the applicant that is issued a notice of proposed denial or a notice of denial must describe in detail any deficiency or omission in the agency's denial or proposed denial of its application and what relief is sought with respect to each deficiency or omission.

(c) In a hearing initiated under § 2.1205(d), the initial written presentation of a party that requested a hearing or petitioned for leave to intervene must describe in detail any deficiency or omission in the license application,

with references to any particular section or portion of the application considered deficient, give a detailed statement of reasons why any particular sections or portion is deficient or why an omission is material, and describe in detail what relief is sought with respect to each deficiency or omission.

(d) A party or § 2.1211(b) participant making an initial written presentation under this section shall submit with its presentation or identify by reference to a generally available publication or source, such as the hearing file, all documentary data, informational material, or other written evidence upon which it relies to support or illustrate each omission or deficiency complained of. Thereafter, additional documentary data, informational material, or other written evidence may be submitted or referenced by any party, other than the NRC staff, or by any § 2.1211(b) participant in a written presentation or in response to a written question only as the presiding officer, in his or her discretion, permits.

(e) Strict rules of evidence do not apply to written submissions under this section, but the presiding officer may, on motion or on the presiding officer's own initiative, strike any portion of a written presentation or a response to a written question that is cumulative, irrelevant, immaterial, or unreliable.

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§ 2.1235 Oral presentations; oral questions.

(a) Upon a determination that it is necessary to create an adequate record for decision, in his or her discretion the presiding officer may allow or require oral presentations by any party or § 2.1211(b) participant, including testimony by witnesses. Oral presentations are subject to any appropriate time limits the presiding officer imposes. Responsibility for the conduct of the examination of any witness rests with the presiding officer who may allow a party or § 2.1211(b) participant to propose questions for the presiding officer to pose to a witness.

(b) Oral presentations and responses to oral questioning to be relied upon as oral evidence must be given under oath